

WASHINGTON PLAYS HOST TO GALAXY OF NOTED WOMEN GUESTS

Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Rockefeller, Miss Mackay,
Mrs. Shipman, Numbered Among
Prominent Out-of-Town Visitors

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Visitors of note to Washington ever without them! Mrs. Warren G. Harding, wife of the President, select (if she can be called a visitor). At any rate she is only visiting just now, the recent Democratic nomination for President and Mrs. James C. Cox, Miss Katherine Mackay of New York; Mrs. Herbert Shipman, of the same city; and Mrs. Preston Satterwhite, who hail from Long Island; Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Mrs. John Elliott, daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, and as Maude Howe Elliott widely known as a writer—they were all here last week—and then some more.

Mrs. Harding was expected on Saturday, week ago yesterday, but didn't get here until Sunday afternoon. She had planned to stay at her own home here but it wasn't ready for her so she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Christian, Jr., at their apartment on the night. She was swamped, of course, with invitations, but felt she had to refuse them all in order to accommodate her purpose in coming to Washington—to get her own home in readiness to lease or sell and to pack some belongings which she will later move to the White House, as she has been shut away from the world in her home very busy with even her telephone disconnected.

After accomplishing that, her progress includes a shopping trip to New York before joining her distinguished husband in Florida. Gov. and Mrs. James Cox arrived the day after Mrs. Harding and are guests of Judge and Mrs. T. T. Ansbury, whom they visited here just before the elections. Judge and Mrs. Ansbury gave a reception in their honor last Sunday and a dinner on Wednesday evening, and practically all the prominent Democrats in town entertained for them in one way or another.

PARTIES GALORE GIVEN
FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Parties galore were given for all of the week's guests, particularly Katherine Mackay, Clarence Mackay's daughter, and for Dr. and Mrs. Satterwhite, who were guests of Mrs. Cromwell Brooks. From here, they will go to Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley to be their guests for a while. The Satterwhites have many, many friends here and never have time to breathe hard when they come to town, for their friends all entertain them or try to, at least.

Katherine Mackay was one busy person, too. I can tell you, dinners, luncheons, teas and dances all being given for her. Senator James D. Phelan, whom Washington deems the thought of parting with at the close of this Congress, gave a lovely dinner dance last week. Among other things, last week in his party were several other out-of-town people, all visiting him, namely: Comdr. Washburn, U. S. N., and Mrs. Washburn, of Annapolis; Miss Nan Chadwick, sister of Mrs. Washburn, the ladies being cousins of their host, and also Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Irwin, of New York and California.

Mrs. Rockefeller came here to attend a conference called by the Y. W. C. A. She spoke informally on "Housing" at a tea at the Blue Triangle Center on Wednesday afternoon. On Friday night she was present at the annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. when, as chairman of the housing committee of the national board, she formally turned over to the local association the property known as the Blue Triangle Recreation Center, at Twentieth and B streets northwest. She was very busy with that interest so didn't have much time for frivolities but was entertained at a quiet dinner party.

MRS. ELLIOTT ADDRESSES
PEN WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

Mrs. Elliott was the guest of Col. and Mrs. George Cyrus Thorpe all last week but is going soon to visit Mrs. Gibson Fahnstock. She made such an interesting address Wednesday afternoon at the weekly tea of the League of American Pen Women; her delivery was so delightful and she told so many interesting things about the history of the early artists of this country while she discoursed on the art colony of Newport.

She was accompanied by both Mrs.

Mt. Holyoke
Party Feb. 3

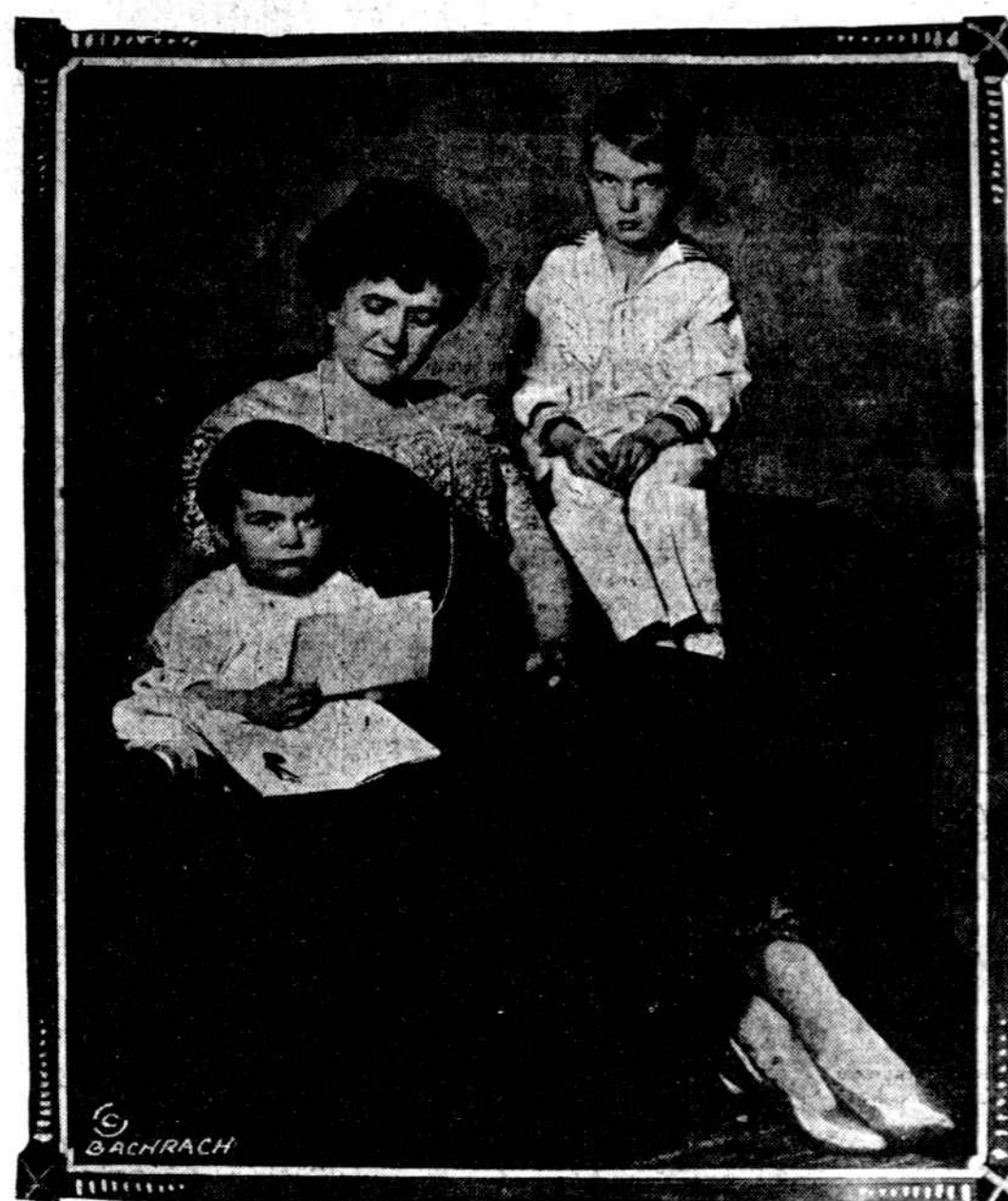
Bridge and Five Hundred
Playing Is Benefit
For Home.

One of the most interesting and apparently to be one of the most popular of the coming attractions will be the Mt. Holyoke bridge and five hundred party to be given at the Knickerbocker Theater on Thursday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m. It is to raise money for the \$2,000,000 endowment fund which is being raised by the National Theater for the week following the party. Mrs. Irvin Hunt, 1649 Fuller street, is in charge of the party, assisted by Miss Margaret Motter, daughter of Mr. Murray Galt Motter.

Hoosier poems and Hawaiian melodies are offered at the tea at the College Women's Club tomorrow. Mr. Joseph Selby Riley will recite from the poems of his distinguished relative and the Misses Grace and Edith McDowell will sing a number of Hawaiian songs.

The hostesses are Section X of the club, of which Miss Nila F. Allen is chairman. Mrs. W. B. Chapman is in charge of the card party to be held at the clubhouse Saturday, February 5 at 2:30 and 8:15. It is to buy new furnishings for the house.

ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF SON'S BIRTHDAY.



MRS. THEODORE TILLER AND HER TWO CHARMING CHILDREN.

Mrs. Tiller entertained a large company of children yesterday at a beautiful party in celebration of the eighth birthday anniversary of her son, Theodore Tiller, Jr., when the children were amused by an elaborate program.

popular of all the Robinson daughters, married Richard Morton, and she and her sister, Mrs. George Mordecai, the one-time Champ Robinson, are the only Robinson girls who still live in Baltimore. Lota Robinson can be classed after all these years, as a full-fledged New Yorker though Washington claims her, too. Florence Robinson married much against the wishes of her parents, Richard Harry, of Baltimore. She died shortly after the wedding, and it is said Mrs. Robinson never really recovered from the shock.

The beaux of a quarter of a century ago who haunted the Waldorf, the Plaza and some of the other fashionable New York society, were separated. Mary Robinson's youngest daughter, Mary, had been raised during the time her mother was attempting to "stir up" American society and what was more natural than that she should do something exciting, such as eloping?

The man in the case was William Baskin. They were married in Delaware and some time later were separated. Mary Robinson Boykin is now Mrs. John M. Gross, and for a time lived in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

None of these married daughters of Mrs. John M. Robinson ever gained social prominence equal to that attained by herself and her daughter Lota, and it is said the real old Maryland aristocracy was a bit surprised at the manner in which they became closely identified with the late Mrs. Fish and the late Mrs. Astor. There is nothing strange in it after all, as the Robinson family certainly possess a creditable family tree.

Charles M. Robinson, Lota's uncle, has played a more or less prominent part in the fashionable world in New York for a number of years. He tells many interesting anecdotes of the era when his late sister-in-law was trying to put life into society both here and at Bar Harbor, by doing what might be termed "circus stunts."

The two children of the late Randolph Robinson, the late Moncure Robinson and Mrs. Putnam, also achieved the social spotlight, especially Mrs. Putnam, whom one encounters so frequently at the Ritz, Delmonico and the Plaza and other haunts of the smart sets.

I wonder if Mrs. Robinson and her little court, which included Harry Lehr, would prove a sensation in these days if they were able to again attempt their unusual antics.

We have advanced much since the day when Harry Robinson arranged what were then gorgeous fetes.

There will never be another Mrs. Robinson or another Harry Lehr. We are living in a jazz era, and that in itself is "pep" enough.

It seemed to be intensely interesting in pretty Nancy Gibbs, the noted English actress who played the leading role in "Monsieur Beaucaire" here last week. He knew her abroad so was particularly nice to her while she was here. He accompanied Lady Goddard, Harold Sims and several others to the theater Thursday evening where they occupied a box and the party had lots of fun "kidding" Mr. Graves all evening, particularly when Nancy Gibbs would send a smile straight at him. He didn't seem to mind one bit; in fact, I think he rather liked it. He has a splendid sense of humor and is altogether a particularly charming fellow. That old idea that Englishmen haven't a sense of humor is an exploded one. The Englishmen I have met have a well-developed humor.

Mrs. C. C. Calhoun invited presidents of Washington clubs and other organizations to meet at her home, 1519 New Hampshire avenue, recently for the purpose of discussing the building of a new theater. Some time ago a number of Washington women started a movement that has for its object the establishment of a play-producing center here—that was the Washington Theater Company—and now Mrs. Calhoun is ready to present a carefully worked out plan whereby a theater that represents all the artistic interests of the National Capital may be assured.

To this project, in which men and women will co-operate, it is understood that a number of prominent persons have signified their willingness to devote money and energy. Washington Pezet, who has a name for himself as a dramatist and producer, addressed the meeting.

DRAMA LEAGUE PRESENTS
FOUR ONE-ACT PLAYS.

Mrs. Calhoun and the Drama League presented the four one-act plays, which were the chief feature of the Washington Hotel last Tuesday evening, when all society—and a few not included in that body—attended. The plays were extemporized by the amateur performers; in fact they were not amateurish at all. Nancy Gordon Ames had a very professional manner. She was just splendid, as were several of the others, notably Mildred Brown, who is so cute and pretty, and Mrs. John W. Thompson, who wrote the play in which she had the leading part—"Pearls."

After the plays the chairs were carried away and there was general dancing in which most of the company took part.

There were a number of boxes and all were taken, but few of the boxholders or their guests stayed in the boxes; they either roamed around or danced. With Mrs. Victor Kaufmann in her box was Mrs. Clarence Day, who had on a dark green evening gown and long green kid gloves, the first colored kid gloves I've seen in years—since I was a child, in fact. They must be quite the newest thing, for Mrs. Day is always right up on the latest fashions. She has a very smart gown she is wearing this winter, a black velvet afternoon gown; the waist made in the fitted-basque style and buttoned tightly up to her very throat, with long tight sleeves that almost cover the palms. The skirt is short, but draped up on one side of the back until it suggests a bustle.

Lady Goddes was there that evening, having a very good time, as usual. She seems to like to dance and never to want for partners. Then those young men at the British Embassy, who are always so nice to her, are all such excellent dancers, particularly Alan Graves.

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MAISON DUPONT AND
RIDING CLUB PARTIES.

The Drama League party Tuesday night conflicted with two others, the last of the club series of supper dances at the Maison Dupont and the weekly drill, ride and supper dance at the Riding Club. I hated to miss either—much less both—but one just can't be three places at once. Those Maison Dupont parties were a complete success and really very smart. Those club dances are over now but there is to be a dinner dance every Tuesday evening. A person will pay so much—not much—a plate and that will include dinner and coffee. There are others who come in after dinner just to dance and pay a much smaller sum for the privilege of dancing. The dinners on Tuesdays are to be especially good ones; they are to be planned with great care, and the orchestra for the dancing is fine.

Those parties at the Riding Club are just great. They are invitation affairs, you know. So many people, thinking they were public, just walked in, so now people have to register their names, and those whose guests they are to participate in or watch the rides and drills are great fun and the dancing is always fun and particularly so there, for the music is fine and the people jolly. The supper is always an added attraction.

The rides are extremely popular and seem to be growing more so each week. The Remount Association will stage another of their attractive horse shows next Saturday. They are informal affairs, but most interesting, and society's interest in them seems to be greatly increasing, too. The army officers in town are planning a series of polo matches here this spring. They are to start as soon as the ground is suitable. The officers are practicing three times a week now at the riding hall at Fort Myer; they are working hard and are going to put on some great matches. They plan to bring teams—not just army teams—from the different parts of the country here. They are trying now to arrange for the teams at Pinehurst and Southern resorts to stop here en route home. They're going to have tournaments just like they did before the war—maybe better, and they were great fun. They'll be staged at the Potomac Park polo field, of course.

MANY POPULAR DANCES
ARRANGED FOR WEEK.

There were a number of dances last week; the Alabama Society had a dance, Senator Phelan gave a dance, Virginia Harrison was hostess at a dinner dance.

Mrs. Harding Spends Busy
Week Packing Household
Goods Before Trip South

and the Congressional Club had their annual debutante dance. The club is at the height of its season just now and is inaugurating a series of large receptions—annual affairs. Friday evening they had a dance, as I said for the debutantes; Monday next they will give a reception for the Vice President and Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall. On February 8 Mrs. Wilson will be the honor guest at the Congressional Club breakfast. Hausman's and on the 10th of February the Speaker of the House and Mrs. Frederick Gillett will be the honor guests at a club reception.

Then I suppose they will give a reception for the Diplomatic Corps. They did last year and are apt to do so again this year. If there is a late session—if Congress is called in extra session—the club may give some spring parties for some of the incoming officials before it closes for the year.

Only a few more days now and we will have Prince Antoine Bibesco, the newly appointed Rumanian Minister, in our midst for he is already on our shores. He is coming directly to Washington with the Princess. They will be unusually interesting additions to Washington society, which is impatiently awaiting their coming.

The Princess Bibesco is a daughter of Mrs. Herbert Asquith, and is the "Elizabeth" so often mentioned in the memoirs of the brilliant wife of the former British premier. It is rumored that Lady Asquith may come to visit her daughter in Washington after Easter.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TURNS
OTHER WAY.

Sailing in the other direction about the same time was the Russian Ambassador, Boris Bakhmeteff. He has reached France by now. He went to Paris to attend a conference called there by Kerensky. Bakhmeteff expects to return here about February 20. The British Ambassador is expected back about the same time. Sailing on the same ship with Bakhmeteff were a number of people you and I know. Dr. Garo Paderewski, Armenian Minister to Washington, left to attend the conference of Armenian leaders to be held in Paris.

Representative Walter M. Chandler sailed to attend the gathering of representatives of small republics in Paris, February 1. Mrs. William Astor Chandler left for a trip to Sicily. Other passengers were Dr. James P. Hutchinson, who, during the war, was in charge of the American ambulance unit at the front in France; Van Rensselaer and Mrs. Van Rensselaer, Gouverneur Cadwalader and Mrs. Cadwalader, all of Philadelphia.

Vincent Astor, who was on board, expects to visit St. Moritz, Switzerland, and the new Swiss Minister, Lady Ribleddale, and his sister Muriel. Mrs. William Hayward and her son, Philip Morton Plant, sailed for a trip to Italy. The new Bishop of the Flight Rev. Charles H. Brent, Episcopal Bishop of Western New York, sailed for a lecture tour in Scotland. Bertram G. Work, president of the Goodwill and Publicity Company, sailed with Mrs. Work. He will inspect the company's plant in Paris. Others on board included Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarence Jones, Axel Robert Nordvall, high commissioner to the United States.

I hear from Paris that Ignace Paderewski, former premier of Poland, will come here about the middle of next week, for both social and personal reasons. He will attend the Polish conference to be held in Pittsburgh, afterward going to California on private business.

M. Paderewski is expected in Paris from Warsaw in the near future.

Also Prince Hirohito, heir apparent to the throne of Japan, will visit America after his proposed trip to London and next to Japan capital next spring. The Crown Prince may be accompanied on his trip to the Occident by Admiral Togo and a number of other prominent Japanese leaders. It is asserted that the Prince will be accompanied by a large number of foreign notables coming a-calling this spring, are true, Washington will be quite busy entertaining the nation's guests, and the spring season will be a memorable one, in addition to all the interest and excitement of a new administration.

INTERESTING LECTURES
ARE MISS MARKELL'S.

TALKING of European ferriers, you have heard Miss Markell give a current lecture? She gives them every Wednesday at the Washington Club and they are intensely interesting. Mrs. Tom Hagner is managing them, and she is doing a splendid job. She was there recently and was entertained by Sir Horace Plunkett, Capt. Stephen Glynn, and Arthur Griffith, the Sinn Fein leader. President Masaryk of Prague, Count George Clark and altogether is particularly well qualified to give a rounded and impartial view of the problem.

Miss Markell, recently returned from visits in Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Sofia, Constantinople and Athens. While traveling she met and was often entertained by personages very much in the limelight in these latter years' old world turmoil. Among them were President Masaryk of Prague, Count George Clark and altogether is particularly well qualified to give a rounded and impartial view of the problem.

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tailed at first hand, Miss Markell is a charming person with a delightful personality.

Of this trip through Central Europe, Miss Markell says, among other things: "Europe presented a strange appearance this summer to me, only familiar with it before the war."

"Proud states like Austria were supplicants for favor, old states like France are seeking the friendship of the new and were doing their best to break the bonds of the British Empire. England presents a strange note of uncertainty. With her former position at home, the Irish question pressing as never before, India in a state of high unrest, her new Near Eastern empire, Mesopotamia, Arabia, Palestine, ruling British armies to hold the new possession, the new world, America threatening to break the bonds entirely which bind them to the British Empire, England presents a

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Mrs. Marshall
Assists Ball

Wife of Vice President
Finds Time For
Charities.

The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall's well-known popularity is being particularly emphasized in these last few weeks of the present administration. In spite of the constant round of dinners and luncheons given by Washington's most distinguished hostesses, both diplomatic and resident, in their honor, Mrs. Marshall spends much of her time working for the Child Welfare Ball.

In addition to being chairman of the committee for boxes for the ball, she is also vice president of the Child Welfare Society and has maintained a steady interest in the organization since her coming here, eight years ago. It is interesting as well as rather amusing to think that the ladies of so many official Democratic families are responsible for the only ball in town as far as is known, that Washington will have on March 4 and which in a way will celebrate the advent of the new administration. That members of the present Cabinet will entertain the members of the next Cabinet, a net in their boxes would seem to indicate that the special interest felt in this appealing charity by Democratic official women will carry over into the new government.

The ball will do much to bring notables to Washington for it will be an array of well known men and women seldom gathered together here, where social and political life is so busy that every social function. There is every indication that the official world of Washington, including the diplomats and statesmen of the old and the new administration, will take this opportunity to lend a gala air to inaugural day and help a deserving charity at one and the same time.

The committee has decided to send invitations to all the governors of the States and the governors who will be entertained in the boxes provided either by their Senators or prominent Washingtonians. Even the members of the Supreme Court have secured a box and will entertain a party of friends from out of town. So that even in the early days of preparation for the ball things have moved on so steadily that practically every department of government will be represented as well as political, diplomatic and social circles.

The charity for which the ball will be given is of the country shall be as well as locally because the president and officers of the society are hoping to make it a national charity and are aiming to establish the Washington centers as a model from which the rest of the country shall get ideas. At the present time the organization consists of eight welfare centers, but in the children's house, which has been recently opened on a street in a demonstration plant and clinic in child welfare that is attracting nation-wide attention. In this house noted specialists are studying every phase of child welfare, especially as regards children of the pre-school age, who ordinarily do not come within the scope of surveys, government or similar. Child specialists from many cities come here to study the methods of the rest of the country in the solution of the Washington institution has already led to the establishment of other laboratories of this kind in several cities.

The officers of the Child Welfare Society are: President, Miss Mary K. Marshall; first vice president, Mrs. Marshall; second vice president, Mrs. David F. Houston; secretary, Mrs. William A. Hammond; and treasurer, Mrs. Lewis C. Ecker. The ball committee consists of: Mrs. K. Marshall; Mrs. Harold Walker; Mrs. Livingston Parren; Mrs. Frederick Atherton; Mrs. Walter Tuckerman; Mrs. Glad Blair and Col. William Eric Fowler, chairman of the floor committee.

So the word has gone out through the social circles of the country that those planning a trip to Washington to view the simple inaugural ceremonies on the plaza of the Capitol had best put a party gown in their trunks so they may attend the Home Charity Ball that eventful night and take advantage of the opportunity to view American society under these auspicious conditions.